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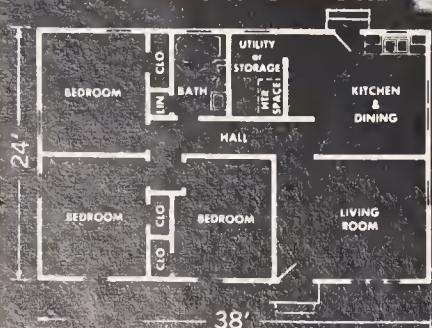
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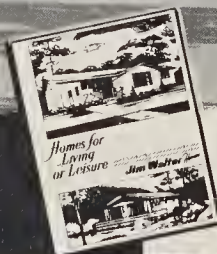
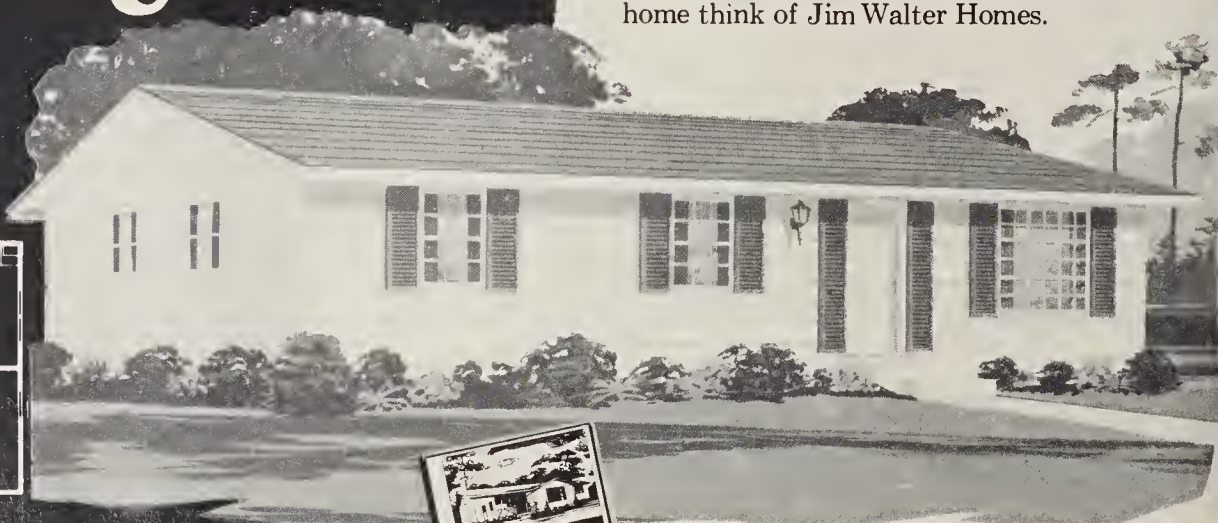


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Can We Give Thanks?

A war in Vietnam. Crises in the Near East, the Far East, in Central and South America and in Europe. Troubles and problems in our own United States and in our state which seem to defy solution.

What can we say we are thankful for? What blessings can we count this November, this Thanksgiving month, and name in our prayers on Thanksgiving Day in 1967?

We could not be blamed, perhaps, if we were to persuade ourselves we have precious little to be thankful for and if, when we read and hear the news, we let pessimism wrap itself about us.

But there is more.

There are our countrysides in autumn's beauty. There is the knowing that whatever winter brings there will come spring. There are the fields from which we took our crops and which we will plant again. There are our businesses and our towns and cities and our flocks and herds, and our rivers and waters and the resources that may enrich us all if we will learn to use them better.

There are luxuries and comforts of which our grandparents and even our parents only dreamed. There are opportunities which only a few generations ago only the favored few could hope to know. There is an abundance of foods and produce and the things people need for better living, wanting only to be better shared.

There are the new homes and the new families growing. There are the children, too, growing, too, young with hopes and aspirations. There are the young men and women in the schools and colleges and freshly beginning their careers, dreaming dreams of better things and better ways and striving to make dreams come true.

They are our hopes. They are the spring that follows our winters and the blossoms that will bring our fruit.

What blessings can we count? Count the young ones; give thanks for them, and say a prayer this Thanksgiving Day that through them will come the answers to all our prayers.

Jim Chaney

COVER—New homes in the countryside. New people for rural communities. They represent a change which is shaping a new North Carolina. They point up a growing need for greater urban and rural cooperation. One of the South's top rural sociologists discusses the changes and their significance on pages 6-7. Photo by Wilton Rowe, Tri-County EMC, Goldsboro.

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Spirea Van Houtte—White, 1 to 2 ft.					
Althea—Red, Purple, or White, 1 to 2 ft.					
Forsythia—Yellow, 1 to 2 ft.					
Pink Spirea, 1 to 2 ft.					
Pink Flowering Almond, 1 to 2 ft.					
Tamirix—Pink Flowers, 1 to 2 ft.					
Bush Honeysuckle—Red or Pink, 1 to 2 ft.					
Red Flowering Quince, 1 to 2 ft.					
Persian Lilac—Purple, 1 to 2 ft.					
Old Fashioned Lilac, 1 to 2 ft.					
Bridal Wreath Spirea, 1 to 2 ft.					
Hydrangea P. G., 1 to 2 ft.					
Deutzia—White, 1 to 2 ft.					
Mockorange—White, 1 to 2 ft.					
Sweet Shrub, 1 to 2 ft.					
Rose of Sharon—Mixed Colors, 1 to 2 ft.					
Red Ozier Dogwood, 1 to 2 ft.					
Pussy Willow, 1 to 2 ft.					
Russian Olive, 1 to 2 ft.					
Russian Olive, 2 to 3 ft.					
Red Barberry, 1 to 2 ft.					
Japanese Snowball, 1 to 2 ft.					
Snowberry—Red or White, 1 to 2 ft.					
Spirea, Anthony Waterer Dwarf— Red, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
French Lilac—Red, White, or Purple, 1 to 2 ft.					
Scotch Broom, 1 to 2 ft.					
Hypericum—Yellow, Collected, 1 to 2 ft.					
Spice Bush, 1 to 2 ft.					
Butterfly Bush—Purple, 1 to 2 ft.					
Vitex—Purple, 1 to 2 ft.					
Green Barberry, 1 to 2 ft.					
Azalea—Red, White, or Pink, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Rose Acacia—Pink, Collected, 1 to 2 ft.					
Red or Black Chokeberry, 1 to 2 ft.					
Hydrangea Arborescens, Collected, 1 to 2 ft.					
Spirea Thunbergi, 1 to 2 ft.					
Winter Honeysuckle, 1 to 2 ft.					
Arrowwood Viburnum, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Beauty Berry, Collected, 1 to 2 ft.					
FLOWERING TREES — 1 or 2 years Old					
Magnolia Grandiflora, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Magnolia, Niagara, 1 to 2 ft.					
Mimosa—Pink, 3 to 4 ft.					
Mimosa—Pink, 4 1/2 to 6 ft.					
American Red Bud, 2 to 3 ft.					
American Red Bud, 4 to 6 ft.					
White Flowering Dogwood, Collected, 2 ft.					
White Flowering Dogwood, Collected, 4 to 6 ft.					
Pink Flowering Dogwood, 2 ft.					
Pink Flowering Dogwood, 3 to 5 ft.					
Golden Chain Tree, 1 to 2 ft.					
Golden Rain Tree, 1 to 2 ft.					
Smoke Tree, 1 to 2 ft.					
Purple Leaf Plum, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.					
Flowering Peach—Red, or Pink, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.					
Double Pink Flowering Cherry, 3 1/2 to 5 ft.					
Flowering Crab—Red, or Pink, 2 to 3 ft.					
Chinese Red Bud, 1 to 2 ft.					
Tree of Heaven, Collected, 3 to 5 ft.					
Dwarf Red Buckeye, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Magnolia, Soulangeana, 1 to 2 ft.					
Pink—Weeping Peach, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.					
Red—Weeping Peach, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.					
White Fringe, Collected, 2 to 3 ft.					
Japanese Flowering Cherry—Dbl. White, 3 to 5 ft.					
European Mountain Ash, 3 to 4 ft.					
Pauls Scarlet Hawthorn—Red Blooms, 3 1/2 to 5 ft.					
Big Leaf Cucumber Tree, Collected, 3 to 4 ft.					
Paw Paw, Collected, 3 to 5 ft.					
White Sumac, Collected, 2 to 3 ft.					
Sourwood, Collected, 2 to 3 ft.					
Yellow Buckeye, 1 to 2 ft.					
Downy Hawthorn, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Dwarf White Buckeye, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Red Flowering Dogwood, 2 ft.					
Red Flowering Dogwood, 3 to 4 ft.					
SHADE TREES — 1 or 2 years Old					
Silver Maple, 3 to 4 ft.					
Silver Maple, 4 to 6 ft.					
FRUIT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old					
Belle of Georgia Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Belle of Georgia Peach, 3 to 5 ft.					
Elberta Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
J. H. Hale Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Hale Haven Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
3 to 5 ft.					
Dixie Red Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Golden Jubilee Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Golden Jubilee Peach, 3 to 5 ft.					
Champion Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Stayman Winesap Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Stayman Winesap Apple, 4 to 6 ft.					
Red Delicious Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Red Delicious Apple, 4 to 6 ft.					
Yellow Delicious Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Yellow Delicious Apple, 4 to 6 ft.					
Early Harvest Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Early Harvest Apple, 4 to 6 ft.					
Red Rome Beauty Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Red Rome Beauty Apple, 4 to 6 ft.					
Red Jonathan Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Red Jonathan Apple, 4 to 6 ft.					
Lodi Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Montmorency Cherry, 2 to 3 ft.					
Montmorency Cherry, 4 to 5 ft.					
Black Tartarian Cherry, 2 to 3 ft.					
Kieffer Pear, 2 to 3 ft.					
Orient Pear, 2 to 3 ft.					
Bartlett Pear, 2 to 3 ft.					
Apricots—Moorpart or Early Golden, 2 to 3 ft.					
5-N-1 Apple—5 Varieties on each tree, 3 to 4 ft.					
Nectarine, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.					
Damson Plum, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.					
Red June Plum, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.					
Methley Plum, 2 ft.					
Burbank Plum, 2 ft.					
DWARF FRUIT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old					
Dwarf Elberta Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Red Haven Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Belle of Georgia Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Golden Jubilee Peach, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Red Delicious Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Yellow Delicious Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Winesap Apple, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Montmorency Cherry, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf North Star Cherry, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Bartlett Pear, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Kieffer Pear, 2 to 3 ft.					
Dwarf Plum—Blue, 2 to 3 ft.					
VINES — 1 or 2 years Old					
Red Scarlet Honeysuckle, 1 ft.					
Wisteria, Purple, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Bitter Sweet, 1 ft.					
NUT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old					
Hazel Nut, 1 to 2 ft.					
Butter Nut, 1 to 2 ft.					
Chinese Chestnut, 1 to 2 ft.					
3 to 5 ft.					
Hardy Pecan Seedlings, 1 to 2 ft.					
Stuart Pecans, Paper Shell, 3 1/2 to 5 ft.					
Black Walnut, 1 to 2 ft.					
English Walnut, 2 to 3 ft.					
Shell Bark Hickory, 1 to 2 ft.					
American Beech, Collected, 3 to 4 ft.					
EVERGREENS — 1 or 2 years Old					
Glossy Abelia, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
American Holly, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Rhododendron, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Pfitzer Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Cherry Laurel, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Nandina, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Boxwood, 1/2 ft.					
Irish Juniper, or Savin Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Red Berry Pyracantha, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Burfordi Holly, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Wax Leaf Ligustrum					
Colorado Blue Spruce, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Mountain Laurel, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Canada-Hemlock, Collected, 1 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Short Leaf Pine, Collected, 1 ft.					
Christmas Ferns, Collected					
Red Cedar, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Hetzi Holly, 1/2 ft.					
Japanese Holly, 1/2 ft.					
Foster Holly, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Yellow Berry Pyracantha, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Andorra Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Cedrus Deodara, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Japanese Yew, Taxus Spreading, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
East Palatka Holly, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Baker Arborvitae, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Berkman's Arborvitae, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Globe Arborvitae, 1/2 ft.					
Greek Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Gardenia, White Blooms, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Camellia Sasanqua, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Norway Spruce, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Euonymus Radicans, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Chinese Holly, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
White Pine, 1 ft.					
Austrian Pine, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Mugho Pine, 1/2 ft.					
BERRY PLANTS, ETC. — 1 or 2 years Old					
Black Raspberry, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Red Everbearing Raspberry, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Dewberry, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
Figs, 1 to 2 ft.					
Boysenberry, 1/2 to 1 ft.					
BULBS, PERENNIALS — 1 or 2 years Old					
Pampas Grass, White Plumes					
Hibiscus, Mallow Marvel					
Hollyhocks, Mixed Colors, Roots					
Cannas, Colors, Red, Pink, or Yellow					
Iris, Blue, Roots Collected					
Day Lillies, Roots Orange Flowers, Collected					
Creeping Phlox, Pink or Blue					
Blue Bells, Roots Collected					
Maiden Hair Fern, Roots Collected					
Fancy Leaf Caladium, Red or White					
Gladiolus, Pink, Red, White					
BERRIES, FRUITS AND HEDGE PLANTS — 1 or 2 years Old					
10 Rhubarb, 1 Yr. Roots					
10 Asparagus, 1 Yr. Roots					
50 Strawberry—Blakemore or Tenn. Beauty					
50 Gem Everbearing Strawberry					
100 South Privet, 1 to 2 ft.					
25 North Privet, 1 to 2 ft.					
25 California Privet, 1 to 2 ft.					
25 Multiflora Rose, 1 to 2 ft.					

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TARHEEL RURAL LINES

reports on events of importance to rural
electric co-op members/by J.C. Brown Jr.

NEXT SUMMER, the Corps of Engineers is scheduled to recommend a plan of federal development for the Clinchfield site on the Broad River. While development of power is but one potential benefit, the site has been called by engineers, "the best remaining hydroelectric site in North Carolina." Nevertheless, there are indications that Duke Power Company may be successful in lobbying the power out of the project.

If it does, it will be a tragic loss to the citizens of the area, those especially of Polk and Rutherford counties. Preliminary studies indicate that if the power benefits are included, the area will get a lake of approximately 22,000 acres. Such a reservoir, while small compared to federal Kerr Dam and some of the Western impoundments, would give Western North Carolina a tremendous economic asset. For a measure of what a large reservoir means to the public, see the last issue of *The Carolina Farmer*.

On the other hand, if power is ruled out, the people of the area will get only a 6,000-acre pond with a tremendous drawdown caused by the pumping of vast amounts of water into South Carolina to augment the flow of another river.

The Corps of Engineers has informally stated that it would hold a public hearing to determine the desires of interested parties in December or January, and the District Engineer would make his recommendations in July.

Depending upon what the people themselves want from a public reservoir, engineers have a great deal of honest latitude in making a recommendation. If the people want a 6,000-acre mudhole, they know how to build that and show it feasible in dollars and cents. If they want a 22,000-acre lake, they can build that feasibly. Our engineers believe the latter is feasible only if hydroelectric power is included.

The Corps of Engineers has heard from important segments of the public: Governor Moore has stated as his policy that he doesn't want any federal power in North Carolina; the head of his Task Force, which will influence the type of development, is a former Duke Power Company employee, and Duke has consistently opposed federal power projects; the rural electric cooperatives have made it clear that they want the cheap federal power in order to reduce their rates to the ultimate consumers and serve as a yardstick for private power rates.

The most important voice hasn't been heard. That's the voice of the people. The benefits and the costs of development will spread far beyond Polk and Rutherford counties—by policy, in a 150-mile radius.

North Carolina is not very rich in the development potential of its rivers. If the Clinchfield site is ruined, the affected area has automatically limited itself in how far it can go in affording itself water supply for household and industrial uses, water recreation, pollution abatement, low-cost power, flood control, and the economic impact that a reservoir has on an area.

NOW, AND WHEN HEARINGS ARE SET, we hope you will make your views known to: "The District Engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Charleston, S. C.," and to your senators and congressman. One of your voices isn't much against the voice of a governor or Duke Power Company. Thousands of voices and letters will be required if your children are going to enjoy the same benefits of river development the children in the Western United States will inherit. In that section of the nation, the people have made themselves heard, and their government has responded. In the East, too often the only voice heard is that of the power companies, and we end up helping finance Western water projects and giving away our river sites to the private power companies.

(Reprint of November, 1967 Carolina Farmer)

The Most Mobile People in the World

Rural North Carolina is growing but not all its growth is census gain. Many of the new homes being built in the country are for people moving out from town, and for country people moving up the scale, while a county's overall population may be in decline. A leading sociologist looking at the movement says although census counts may go up or down, one of every five of us will be living in a different house next year.



New houses don't always mean census growth but they're showing a growing trend.

By Dr. Selz C. Mayo

Tar Heels are on the move across the geographic expanses of North Carolina. Data available show that on a national basis about 20 percent of our total population change residence at least one time during a calendar year. On this basis, Americans have been characterized as, perhaps, the most mobile people in the world.

Consequently, one of every five people lives in a different house at the end of each year as compared with the beginning of the year. In total numbers, this means that about 40 million Americans change residences at least once during a year. Assuming the same rate in North Carolina, this means that approximately one million of our citizens will live in a different house in December of 1967 as compared with January of 1967.

To be sure, the bulk of these movers move for relatively short distances. For the nation as a whole, in 1965 of the approximately 20 percent of the population classified as movers, 13.4 percent moved within the same county and 3.5 percent changed residence within the same state. The remainder changed either state of residence or crossed national boundaries.

Within the framework of such mass movement, somehow there has developed among Americans, North Carolinians too, and in almost every community, an attitude that an increasing population is to be equated with growth,

development, the good life—progress. On the other hand, either a stationary or a declining population has to be apologized for and is usually associated with deterioration, disorganization, poor leadership, defeat, and despair. Obviously, there may be some truth in both positions; but neither the former position nor the latter represents the whole truth—the whole spectrum of the situation. Nevertheless, the people and their leaders in almost every community—small, large, and middle size—expend a great deal of time, energy, effort, and other resources in promoting population growth, selective though it may be.

Natural Increase and Migration

How does the population of North Carolina as a whole, a specific county, or an individual community grow, decline, or remain stationary? In somewhat oversimplified terms, the answer involves two basic elements or concepts: natural increase and migration. The operation of these elements of population change are illustrated

below. The first example involves North Carolina as whole from 1960 to 1965. We can now take a look at the actual operation of these factors:

Population (census enumeration), April 1, 1960 - 4,556,155

Natural increase (births minus deaths) - 357,908

Expected (estimated) population, July 1, 1965 - 4,882,568

Migration, April 1, 1960—July 1, 1965 - -91,495

This information shows clearly that there was an estimated new migration from North Carolina of approximately 92,000 people in the period for the Census of 1960 to the middle of 1965. In view of these data, it is quite obvious that the population of North Carolina as a whole could be increasing, decreasing, or remaining stationary while subparts—regions, counties, communities—could be undergoing a very different pattern of population change.

Growth and Migration

The material presented above shows clearly that North Carolina experienced a net loss of population by migration between 1960 and 1965. Nevertheless, the data shows just as clearly that there was a net increase in total population of about 266,000 during the same period. Obviously, the population of the state increased during this five-year period while at the same time there was a substantial loss due to migration. Thus, population growth can occur at the same

Full Housepower

The sub-division pictured on the cover is a "residential town" about three miles south of Goldsboro called the Hamlet. It was a corn field seven years ago. Now it has more than 60 homes. The Hamlet is served by Tri-County EMC. Every house has 200-ampere electrical service entrance capacity, double that of the National Electrical Code standard.

time that a heavy rate of migration is the fare of the same period.

An example or two may serve to illustrate further the operation of these two factors: migration and natural increase. For the first example, an enumeration in Cleveland County showed that the population increased by 4.6 percent between 1960 and 1965. Specifically, the picture for Cleveland County is as follows:

Population in 1960 - 66,048

Natural increase - 5,173

Enumerated population, 1965 - 69,083

Migration - -2,138

As these data show so clearly, the population of Cleveland County increased by 3,035 during the period (4.6 percent) and there was a net loss by migration of 2,138 people. Thus, Cleveland County retained some what more than one-half of the natural increase during this period.

The picture for Duplin County is quite different, and therefore, represents an interesting story. Available data show that the population of Duplin decreased by 5.4 percent in the period from 1960 to 1965.

Let's take a look at this important story of the operation of natural increase and migration:

Population in 1960 - 40,270

Natural increase - 2,860

Enumerated population, 1965 - 38,099

Migration - -5,031

The story in Duplin is crystal clear in terms of population change. In this five-year period, Duplin experienced a loss by migration of somewhat more than 5,000 people. The equivalent of all the natural increase was lost. In addition, the equivalent of more than 2,000 of the 1960 population migrated. The net effect of these population exchanges is the fact that the population of Duplin County was smaller in 1965 than in 1960.

Other counties (or communities) show very different patterns. For example, the population of Forsyth County showed an increase of 11.2 percent between 1960 and 1965. This means that Forsyth County retained the equivalent of its natural increase and at the same time increased by about 6,300 due to *in* migration. The total net effect was an in-

A Grateful Heart

*A cold wind blows November's
horn,
Calling through denuded trees,
Calling winter down upon the
land,
Calling cold rains down, and sleet
Weighs on branches in a dazzling
glaze,
Bending pines. On mornings win-
dow glass
Is patterned with traceries in frost.
And yet November has warm days
As if to point a contrast to the
cold,
And in November time is set aside
To count our blessings and give
thanks.
And gathering for Thanksgiving
Day,
Families find a warmth within
As though November had a soul
Responding to a grateful heart.*

Jim Chaney

crease of approximately 21,000 in the five-year period.

Where Do They Come From?

These facts raise many questions. One of the questions which is asked over and over may be stated: Do the counties which are growing by migration draw from the counties which are losing population by migration? Are we really Tar Heels, all? The chances are quite good that the increasing counties are not drawing from the counties characterized by *out* migration. The answer is very simple: We do not know. There may be some migrants into those counties which are declining in population, as a matter of fact. It has been suggested that North Carolina gains in these migration patterns because we often exchange brawn for brains.

It should be recognized that we have no real, factual data with which to answer this exchange question. Available secondary data do not permit a quick, easy answer. As important as these answers are, the necessary data can be obtained only by means of a detailed study and this is an expensive proposition.

The Mirage of Growth

In many areas—counties and communities—the population is being redistributed in such a way that it may appear that population

growth is taking place while in reality such is not the case. This might be labeled as the "mirage" of growth. Apparent growth or increase in numbers is often mistaken for the real thing.

An examination of maps which show the location and distribution of occupied houses point up this fact very clearly. An analysis of detailed survey maps or highway maps with culture usually shows this phenomenon very clearly. An examination of such maps shows that there has been a "moving-up" of population along highways and along all-weather secondary roads. New houses are being built along these transportation arteries and the families are abandoning or simply leaving vacant the former residences—these are scattered out across the landscape. A recent examination of such maps reveals a tremendous amount of population redistribution

Building activity and the moving-up process often give the appearance of population growth. In reality, the end result may be a population loss for the total geographic area under consideration. In many communities a surface or "eyeball" examination may lead to the conclusion of population growth while in reality what is being observed is really a "mirage" of growth.

A Final Note

The population is being redistributed across the geographic landscape of North Carolina. In some places the population is thinning-out while in others the population is piling-up. The so-called eight "big" counties now contain about one third of the total population of the state. And these counties are increasing very rapidly in population. The 25 smallest counties now contain only about five percent of the total population of the state. And, as a group, these counties are experiencing a population loss. These differences affect every facet of life and labor among Tar Heels everywhere.

(Dr. Mayo is head of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University. His article was prepared in response to the request by The Carolina Farmer for comment on the changing nature of our state.)

A Co-op With a Difference

What's being done in Macon County can be done in any county where people are willing to pull together . . . and can get the right sort of help and advice. Macon's fruit and vegetable cooperative proved itself in its first year and was a success again in its second. This year it suffered some reverses but its members nevertheless are looking ahead to greater success in greater diversification.

By John Justice

When a co-op has doubled its sales after its second season, what does it do for an encore the third time around?

It does more of the same, naturally. But farmers in a Macon County co-op don't want to just stand still, so they're looking to the future and using new techniques and trying new crops.

The Macon County Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, now through its third growing sea-

son, was formed to help low-income farmers in the mountain county. Total sales jumped from \$145,650 the first year to \$286,964 for the year ending October, 1966. Tomatoes are the big crop, accounting for \$199,405 of total sales. Peppers, apples and cucumbers made up the bulk of the remaining sales.

The co-op is proving to have the traditional benefits of cooperatives: the opportunity to expand and diversify crops, and the chance to pump money into the county's economy as well as more distant markets. But in Macon County, a unique partnership is experimenting with some new ideas. First of all, who are the partners?

Working Together

The low-income Macon County farmer. Seventy per cent of the co-op's members earn less than \$3,000 a year. This often means that they don't have the money behind them to take any gambles on crops. Also, this lack of capital



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sometimes keeps the low-income farmer from being able to make fullest use of the services of the Agricultural Extension agents.

The Extension Agents. Low-income farmers, because they lack operating capital and are sometimes unfamiliar with the extension agents, are hard to reach. But the county extension agents in Macon are working closely with the co-op and with low-income farmers, trying to bring the Agriculture Department's know-how to Macon. In fact, Tom Fagg, Agricultural Extension chairman, played a very important role in starting the co-op back in 1965.

Macon Program for Progress. This is the county's community action agency, which is working to find ways to help the county's low-income citizens help themselves up the economic ladder. The Program for Progress is working very closely with the co-op and the other partners.

The North Carolina Fund. The Fund is a Durham based foundation which is working on a statewide level to find new ways to solve the problems of poverty. When the Macon proposal for financing some of the provision and training at the co-op came to the Fund office, staff members approved the proposal in record time. Since then, the Fund has made two grants totaling \$9,965 to the co-op to hire graders and packers to train people to work at the processing plant.

The Office of Economic Opportunity. This office provided money for low-income farmers to experiment with crops; the money was given on a matching basis.



Graded, cleaned and well-packaged tomatoes bring up to twice as much as do tomatoes sold by the bushel.



Grading and packing tomatoes at the Macon cooperative's plant. The processing is providing income for several workers who otherwise might have been jobless.

Old Crops and New

Potatoes, peppers and apples are stand-bys in this region; but Macon County is trying its hand with some crops about which there's a lot to be learned. Trellised cucumbers, for example.

When this experiment was begun last year, no one knew whether the market was ready for trellised cucumbers. Cucumbers grown on the ground were selling fine, but trellised cukes were something different.

The Macon County Extension staff, working with horticultural specialists from the state Extension Office, decided to experiment with trellised cukes to find out about quality, ease of spraying, and possible increased yield. Macon Program for Progress—through the Office of Economic Opportunity—made the money available for 17 farmers to grow about 12 acres of trellised cukes. The Program for Progress promised that if each farmer didn't gross \$1,200 an acre, the organization would make up the difference.

There Were Problems

As it turned out, there were big problems; scab, mosaic, difficulty in spraying, the great amount of time required to trellis the plants. Alone, the farmers would have taken a big loss—and these low-income farmers having the least to lose are the ones whom losses hit the hardest. But with Macon Program for Progress backing the experiment, the problems did not pinch anyone financially. This year the County Extension Service Office recommended that some low-income farmers try cucumbers grown on plastic on the ground. Also, it was shown that low-income farmers will respond

with hard work to new opportunity.

Experimenting for Profits

Low-income farmers sometimes lack the perspective to judge and take advantage of market trends; the co-op's help gives them support so that they don't stand alone. This came in handy this past season, which was a minor disaster.

Agriculture Agent Tom Fagg says, "Our tomato acreage was just about doubled, from 54 to 110 acres, but the weather hit us hard. First it was dry, and the plants didn't come up. Then a killing frost struck. Finally, we had rains that put some farmers' plants under water three times.

"Besides all this, the market was off in general," says Fagg. "Last year we got right around three dollars a 20-pound lug. This season we're getting anywhere between one and two dollars.

"The co-op will pay its operating expenses, pay the farmers and still have a little left over, but it's not what we hoped for," Fagg says, "On the bright side, the apple crop looks like it's going to be pretty good."

He concludes, "We'll just have to take our licking and get to work for next season."

The co-op's regular business and the experiments go hand-in-hand; each is necessary for real progress. While the day-to-day business of the co-op provides a solid, continuing support for the county's farmers—and for the county economy as a whole—the experimentation program is trying to help all farmers move ahead with new crops and new methods.

(Mr. Justice, of the public information staff of the North Carolina Fund, went to Macon County to see for himself the co-op's progress.)

The Cooperators

Some had worked for rural electrification since the beginning. All had served the cause at least 20 years. They were the cooperators. Like many others of their generation there as Gwyn Price recalled their contributions, they had proved people can help themselves best when they work together to help one another.



He came forward when Gwyn Price called his name, walking cautiously as men his age sometimes walk, slowly as if he were picking his way.

When the rural electrification program was getting started in the 1930's, he was one of those who had helped sign up members for the then new electric

cooperative. Now he and others like him were being recognized by the presentation of certificates: certificates for 20 years of service, for 25 and for 30 years.

Now Gwyn Price, chairman of the State Rural Electrification Authority, was talking about him and recalling how it used to be, telling how well and how long he and the others had served their neighbors, their communities and their state.

Twenty-One For Service

There were 21 of them counting him, 21 managers and directors, 20 men and one woman, representing a generation which had lived without the conveniences and services they had helped bring to others and which we now take as our due.

Not all of them were as old as he. The managers largely were still men of vigor—one of them had not yet reached his middle 40s—and they and many of the direc-

tors would continue to serve ably for years to come.

Gwyn Price knew him and each of them and for each he had praise and affection and often an anecdote.

He could remember, Gwyn Price could, how he had had gone once to see him and had found him plowing on a tractor, or how in the early days they had talked over some plan or problem together. And as he talked, Gwyn Price created in his soft tones and soft words a warmth befitting reminiscences. The ceremony and breakfast in the banquet room in the Durham hotel during a session of TEMA's annual meeting might have been a family's kitchen at breakfast time, so intimate and personal was the atmosphere.

Not all of them were there for the ceremony. Several directors could not come or had to have their certificates brought home to them. But all, like him, had shared in the work and now were sharing



REA Chairman Gwyn Price with co-op managers who received service certificates. They are, left to right, R.E. Hayworth of Union EMC, W.W. Bulluck of Woodstock, Hugh A. Crigler of Davidson, Reid Harris of Central and Donald Rice of Cornelius.

the honors.

"You Have Made a Success"

"You have made a success," Gwyn Price said, "or you wouldn't be here . . . You've made an impressive contribution in the various ways your communities have seen fit to call on you."

There is something about the electric cooperatives, Gwyn Price said, that makes people important and makes for service people can know no other way. Cooperatives are people working together for the common good, Price said, and they have a way with people that conventional business enterprises seldom have.

"Heart-warming," "unselfish service." "a magnificent job," Gwyn Price said in reciting their achievements.

When you talk about cooperatives, Gwyn Price said, you are talking about people like these; you are talking about people who do things for people.

Co-ops Are For People

He was reminded, he said, of a visit he made to a cooperative—the Skyline Telephone Cooperative, it was—in Western North Carolina. He saw in the manager's office an unusual looking telephone set.

The cooperative's manager told him it was a telephone that could pick up conversations from any-

where in the room in which it is used and can carry the replies throughout the room as well.

There was a child, a girl, who because of a long illness could not go to school. The telephone co-op manager had installed one of the phones in the child's room and he had set up a circuit connecting it with a similar phone installed in the child's classroom of the school she could not attend.

And you know, Gwyn Price said softly telling the story, the child could hear what the teacher said and the teacher could ask her questions and the child could answer or hear her classmates when they answered. And the child was able to keep up with her studies because of what the cooperative had done, and she was able to make her grade.

It was, Gwyn Price said, a heart-warming thing and something that showed the human element in cooperative programs and it helped explain why cooperatives like the electric membership corporations have been able to accomplish so much.

Walking in Memories

There were many such stories in the lives of the 21 Gwyn Price named, and as he walked forward when his name was called he seemed to bring forth all the memories of them, he and his grey hair and time-worn face, moving cautiously as men his age

sometimes do.

Each of the cooperatives, the electric membership corporations, which he and the others serve have records of their accomplishments and histories. And he and the others had helped make the histories. And now 20 years, and 25 years and 30 years later, he and they still were serving and, as Gwyn Price told it, were still serving ably and well.

Challenges and a Valedictory

A young man, a youth in his 20's speaking at a later session at the meeting, told of new challenges cooperatives must meet.

He also told of the remarkable job that had been done in the past.

He called the rural electrification program "an experiment in cooperation that has been eminently successful."

"You have done something," the young man said, "that couldn't have been done without the cooperative approach."

The young man was speaking to co-op people generally, but for the 21 and for their contemporaries the words must have had a special significance.

For they had been in from the beginning and at least for 20 years, and this was their hour and for some of them a valedictory, too.

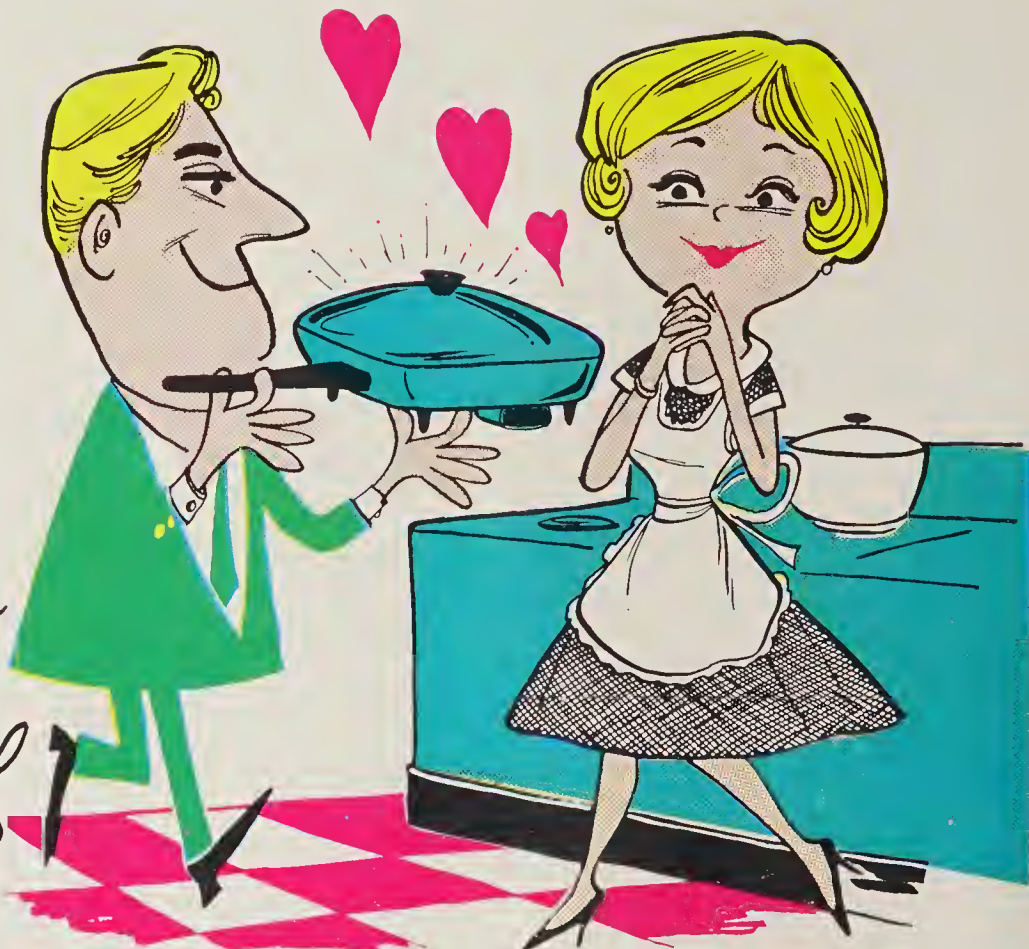
Jim Chaney

Directors who received service certificates at Durham, Seated, left to right, are Sam V. Tugwell of Pitt & Greene EMC, A.F. Reinhardt of Rutherford, Oliver Taylor of Rutherford, Mrs. Vann Smith of Tri-County and E.R. Croter of Davie. Standing left to right are REA Chairman Gwyn Price with C.W. Moyo of Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Carl B. Groybeal of Blue Ridge, S. C. Wilson of Piedmont and Charlie Murphy of Piedmont. Others honored were Gordon K. Laughton of Carteret-Croven, G. L. Chatham of Davie, Blaine Nicholson of Hoxworth, A. B. Herring of Four County, C. E. Stevens of Four County, J. O. Griswald of Rutherford and T. N. Crowford of Davie.



Dear Santa,
 I would
love to have
 a small
 appliance
 Christmas this
 year, and I
 thought that
 perhaps you
 and my
 nice husband
 would like to
 know my
 heart's desire.

I would particularly like:



A Fry Pan

And, Santa, you have so many wonderful models to choose from (and, of course you know that I want only appliances made by leading manufacturers). For example, the new ones have entered the steam cooker field and have high dome covers.

One manufacturer makes a beautiful electric skillet which has a heating unit in a glass ceramic base. An attractive cooking dish sits atop the base.

New model electric skillets have broiling elements in frypan lids and broiling racks for the pan. One model has a glass insert to allow inspection of food while it broils. Some have teflon-coated baskets for french frying, too.

One reason we homemakers are so happy with such items as the electric skillet is that we can cook at the serving table and not miss the fun of our guests. I guess you know, Santa, that, in addition to the skillet, you can actually find buffet ranges with one or two heating units. Also, the new electric casserole is so pretty on the buffet table, and keeps the food inside it warm throughout the dinner.

A Coffee Maker

Of course, I have an old coffeemaker, but it's had its day—the coffee isn't very dependable any more, and it's so difficult to clean. I read that they are using teflon in some models, which would make washing a breeze. One company has a percolator made of high luster plastic that not only is easy to clean, but has a double wall insulation which acts as a thermos to keep coffee arm after brewing.



My next-door neighbor has a model made by one of the top manufacturers of electric appliances, and it's a dilly. It places the coffee basket upside down in order to get more flavor from the coffee. And she has a basket called a "two cupper" which fits inside the regular basket for brewing only two cups. This is handy for us when we want to sit down for a breather and "just one more cup of coffee" before beginning lunch.

And, Santa, I heard the other day that one manufacturer has introduced an automatic electric drip coffeemaker—the first made in this country.

A Can Opener

I just had my kitchen painted, and I would love one of those beautiful can openers that have been styled in color and design to add to the decor of that room where I spend so much of my time.

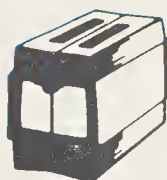
Some models come equipped with cutting wheels, removable for easy cleaning, and cord storage. And there are combination models which do other jobs such as sharpening scissors and knives or crushing ice.



A Toaster

I'd like a new toaster because the new models are so much prettier and thinner. Many models have decorative side panels and other design refinements. My sister has one which has glass side panels in a three-dimensional design, said to blend with any kitchen decor. I am limited on counter space in my kitchen, so I am particularly impressed with that new thin-line toaster which is just 3½ inches wide.

I've noticed in looking through magazines that more and more four-slice toasters are shown. One manufacturer's model has separate controls for each pair of slots. That way, you can toast two slices dark, two light, at the same time to suit each member of the family!



A Mixer

"Solid state is news in mixers," so I read the other day. According to the story I read, these controls offer an infinite range of speed control and maintain the set speed regardless of the thickness of the product being mixed. Automatic bowl speed controls and extra large "bowl-fit" beaters have been added to some models.

My favorite store is carrying a new mixer with nylon blades which can be used on teflon-coated utensils. The nylon blades are safer for the user's hand, according to the manufacturer's note, because they will not cause injury upon accidental contact.

I'd love to have one that has special storage features. One model, for example, comes with a woodgrained plastic cabinet that can be wall-hung. Another one has a bracket at the back of the handle that makes it easy to mount on the wall for storage, or a mixing bowl level for built-in convenience.

And, Santa, you'll probably have a big run this year on the model which has an electric spoon that can be used to scrape the bowl while mixing. It's harmless to Teflon, can mix in pot, pan, bowl, or teacup!



A Hairdryer One lovely luxury item I would like, Santa (or husband—whom-ever is listening to my plea), is a hairdryer. They are so pretty, so practical, so heavenly. I'd like any type. As you know, they come in a variety of sizes and styles. Carrying cases appear to be purses, hat boxes, overnight cases or knitting bags all in bright colors and designs to appeal to the fashion-conscious and those of us who are young at heart.

Many models have remote controls, extra large hoods and curler storage. One exciting innovation: some manufacturers are adding the spray-mist feature. With this, hair is set dry and the dryer is used to moisturize the hair and finally dry it. One model even incorporates a built-in facial sauna!

And have you seen the hardtop unit with a built-in radio. My teen-age daughter has a yen for one of those. Won't it be something when they add a phonograph!

One leading manufacturer has combined an electric manicurist set with its portable hair dryer and added a "quick curl" attachment.

And I'd love to have one of those electric roller kits. One of them has 16 curlers - 8 "hot" and 8 spare. This same manufacturer offers a portable lighted make-up mirror with recessed directional lighting and 3 levels of brightness, as well as a portable lighted mirror-manicure set with 5 professional manicure attachments. And hair brushes and combs are now in the electric hair-care market, too!

I thank you so much, dear, bearded man, I still believe in you!

Helen Homemaker

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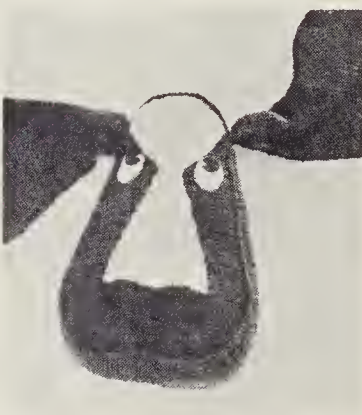
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Banana Funcakes

1 cup favorite pancake mix
1 cup milk
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 tablespoon melted shortening
1 cup diced bananas (2 to 3)

In a shaker or mixing bowl, combine pancake mix, milk, egg and shortening. Shake or blend until mix is well moistened; fold in bananas. Drop batter from large spoon onto lightly greased griddle; cook until golden brown, turning once. Makes 8 to 10 pancakes. To make smiling banana face, cut crosswise slices for eyes, a tip for nose, and slice lengthwise for grin.

Banana Ambrosia

In a bowl, combine 2 bananas, sliced with 2 oranges, peeled and sectioned. Sprinkle with sugar, if desired, and top with flaked coconut. Chill. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Barbecued Bananas

GRILLED: Make a lengthwise slit in the peel of each banana. Gently loosen the edges, drizzle in honey and close the peel. Place bananas on grill over glowing coals until peel turns black and glossy and pulp is easily pierced with fork.

ROASTED: Remove a strip of peel from each banana and brush with melted butter. Roast on grill until peel is glossy black and the fruit tender.

BANANA BUNDLES: Brush peeled bananas with melted butter or margarine. Wrap each in aluminum foil; grill over hot coals 10 to 12 minutes, or until easily pierced with fork.

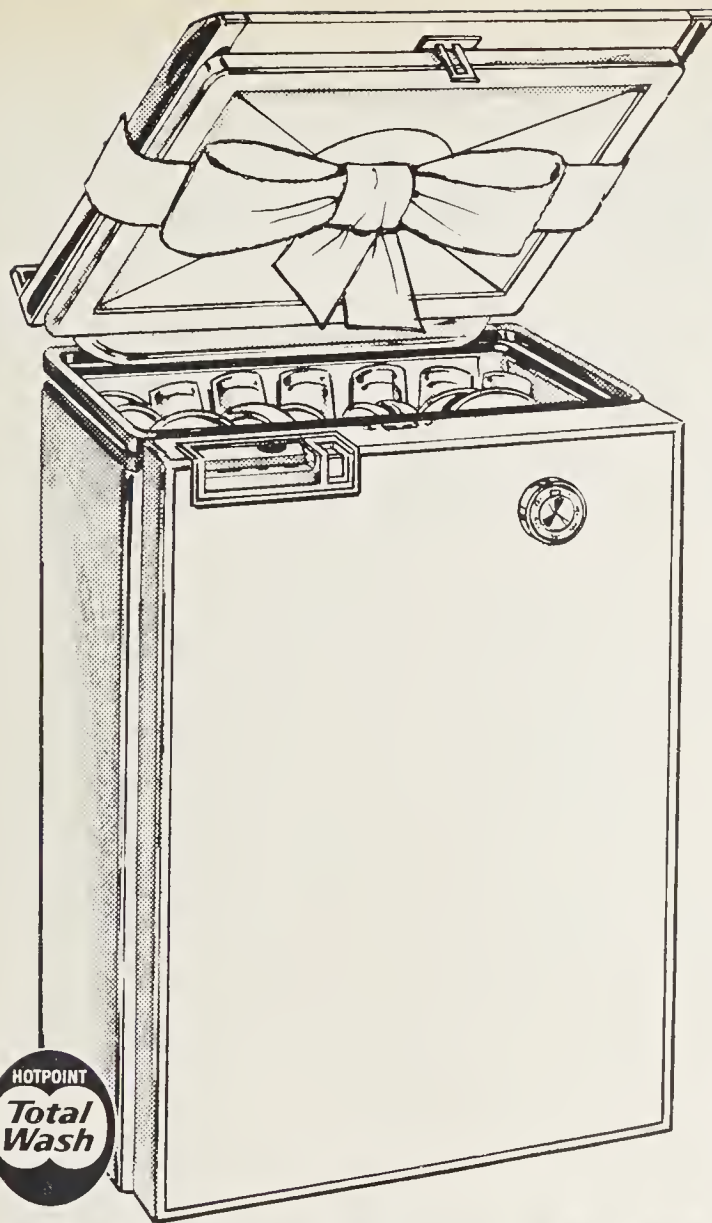
Banana Chips

Heat salad oil or shortening to depth of ½ inch in skillet to 375 degrees over medium heat. Slice peeled firm bananas into thin rounds; fry until golden brown, turning once. Drain well on paper towels and sprinkle with salt.

Banana Surprise Cake

1 package spice cake mix
1 pint heavy cream, whipped and sweetened
4 bananas

Prepare mix according to package directions and bake in two 9-inch-square pans until done. Cool; remove from pans. Cover one cake square with a layer of cream. Place whole bananas on top; cover with cream. Top with second square; use remaining cream to frost top and sides of cake.



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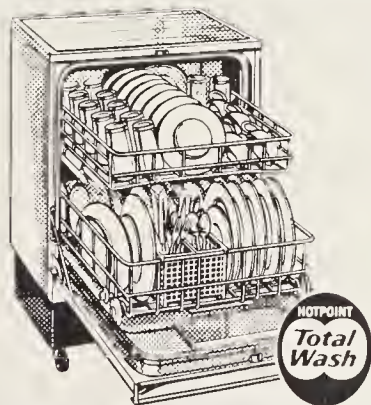
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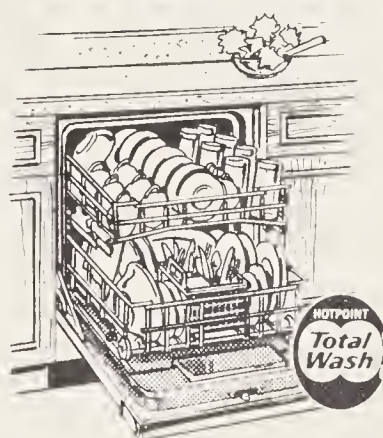
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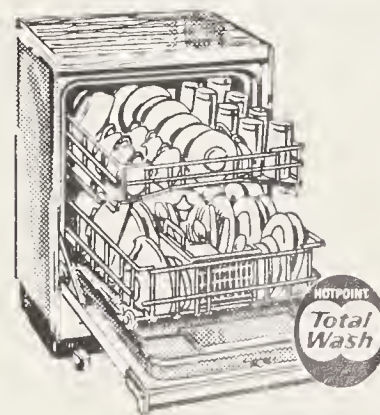
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Consumer Group Starts Program

A new organization to serve you was launched in Raleigh recently. Some 60 economy-minded people from throughout the state met here and formed the nucleus of "A North Carolina Consumers Council."

The group included social workers, ministers, anti-poverty people, housewives, home economists and attorneys. Their aim: To Keep North Carolinians from getting short-changed in the market place.

Raleigh Attorney William T. Crisp guided the group through its first meeting. A 16-member steering committee was created to work out organizational details and get the program moving.

Those present at the initial meeting agreed that the council should work to:

- Circulate information to consumers on how to make the wisest purchases of goods and services.
- Publicize consumer information as widely as possible.
- Sponsor research on consumer matters, if the budget permits.
- Initiate legal tests of legislation that is bad from the consumer's viewpoint and help consumers take legitimate grievances to the right places.
- Lobby for the consumer in the Legislature and before public agencies and regulatory bodies.

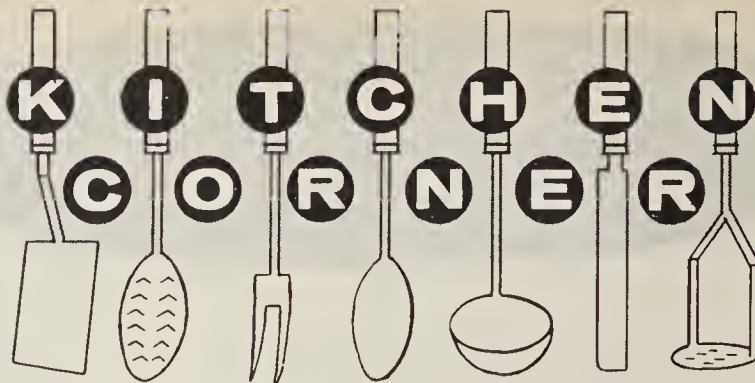
Crisp said the council hopes to become "an effective, continuing instrument on behalf of the consumer's interest" and will seek "truly a mass of people" as members.

The Consumers Council is to be your organization. Its purpose is to give you, the housewife, the farmer, the businessman, the wage-earner and professional man—in short everybody who has a share in the American economy—a greater voice in it. Certainly the farmer deserves a better share of the food dollar, and he isn't getting it now.

It's your organization and your program, and it needs you as a member.

To find out how to join and to organize a local group in your community, write to: Mrs. Mary Kilburn, 1110 Dogwood Lane, Raleigh, N. C.

Jim Chaney



Red Pumpkin Pie

"What calls back the past, like the rich pumpkin pie?"

THE PUMPKIN

When you think of Thanksgiving dinner, what comes to your mind? Turkey and dressing, of course! But what about dessert? A delicious pumpkin pie would just hit the spot. Mrs. Woodrow Richardson, of Route 1, Madison, sent us her special recipe for this pie to serve with our Thanksgiving dinners this month. She writes that even people who might not especially care for pumpkin pie will like this recipe because the fresh coconut in it gives it such a unique flavor.

The Richardsons live in the Mt. Vernon community on a 103-acre farm, which is served by Davidson EMC. They have six acres of tobacco and plant a large garden for freezing and canning each year. Mrs. Richardson is the mother of two boys and one girl. She is a member of the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church and has taught Intermediate Senior Sunday School for nine years. She is also vice-president of the "Women's Society of Christian Service."

She tells us that her favorite hobby is cooking and that she bakes for many of her friends and neighbors. She says that her pumpkin pie is her "best seller"—so be sure to try it!

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share through this column, send it to: Sharon Carver, Kitchen Corner, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. Tell us something about yourself and family and give us the name of your electric membership corporation. We pay \$2 for the recipe chosen monthly for this column.

CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Mrs. Woodrow Richardson, Rt. 1, Madison, North Carolina

RED PUMPKIN PIE

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| 2 cups red pumpkin | 1/2 stick butter or margarine |
| 1 cup sugar | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 3 tablespoons flour | 1 cup fresh, grated coconut |
| 3 whole eggs, well beaten | |

Mix together all ingredients and pour into unbaked pie crust. Add topping and bake in oven (350°) until crust is brown and pie is set.

TOPPING

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| 1/2 cup brown sugar |
| 2 tablespoons flour |
| 1/4 stick butter or margarine |

Mix sugar and flour. Add butter, cut into small pieces. Mix well and sprinkle on top of pie.

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With the Immortal Bard:
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"O Lord! that lends me life,
Lend me a heart replete with
thankfulness!"
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With Wordsworth:
"Rest and be thankful."
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With Carl Sandburg:
"For the gladness here where the
sun is shining at evening on
the weeds of the river,
Our prayer of thanks.
For the laughter of children who
tumble barefooted and bare-
headed in the summer grass."
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Naomi Desautels
Jefferson

Naomi is fifteen years old and a sophomore at Ashe Central High School. She enjoys cooking, reading, and studying. Her mother, Mrs. Lula B. Desautels, is served by the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation.

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"First, I would try to de-emphasize the fact of my friend's wanting to drop out of school. I'd concentrate instead on helping him solve his personal problems, for, unfortunately, he must have certain unsettling worries, and he thinks that quitting school will be the solution. When a person realizes that someone really wants to help him, he usually becomes more confident in himself and in the world around him. Being a true friend and offering my sincere kindness and assistance, I'd team up with him and try to help him realize how valuable an education really is."

Joyce Dobbins
Route 2
Mt. Airy

Joyce is a recent graduate of East Surry High School. Her hobbies are horseback riding and swimming. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Dobbins, are served by the Surry-Yadkin Electric Membership Corporation.

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"Tell him about all the high school clubs and sports in which he can participate, or help get him really interested in one or two of his classes. If he discovers how exciting school can be once the student makes the first step, he should be much more interested in continuing his education. If that doesn't seem to help, however, explain to him what it would be like trying to get a good-paying job without a high school education."

Cynthia Almond
Route 3, Box 716
Albemarle

Cynthia is 14 years old and in the ninth grade at North Stanly High School. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coy W. Almond, are served by Union Electric Membership Corporation.

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"Let him understand that success follows hard work and determination to go forward. The individual who takes the so-called 'short cuts' may find that they weren't short-cuts at all. Convince him to stick it out a little longer and to try harder in class. After he has agreed to give it another try, you must work to eliminate the factors which caused him to consider dropping out in the first place. One reason students fail courses is that they do not put forth enough effort in study, either because they are not interested or because they are lazy. In this case, a little encouragement from you and a bit of advice from a teacher your friend likes and respects would be of great help. Remember, too, how very important your understanding and interest could be to him, especially now, when he probably feels very much alone."

James Tyrone Cooper
Route 1, Box 37
Seaboard

James is a junior at Gumberry High School. He enjoys reading, writing, and typing. His mother, Mrs. Dorothy Lee Cooper, is served by Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation.

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Teen ROUNDTABLE

If you have a good answer, send it to **THE TEEN ROUNDTABLE**, The Carolina Farmer, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C., at once. Send a photo, too, if you have one, (we can't return it) and a few facts about yourself. Include your parents' name, and the name of the electric membership corporation serving you. If your answer is published, we will send you \$5.

If you want to submit a question, send it along for our statewide panel to answer. For each question used, the sender will get a \$5 check. Jot yours down and send it to us right away.

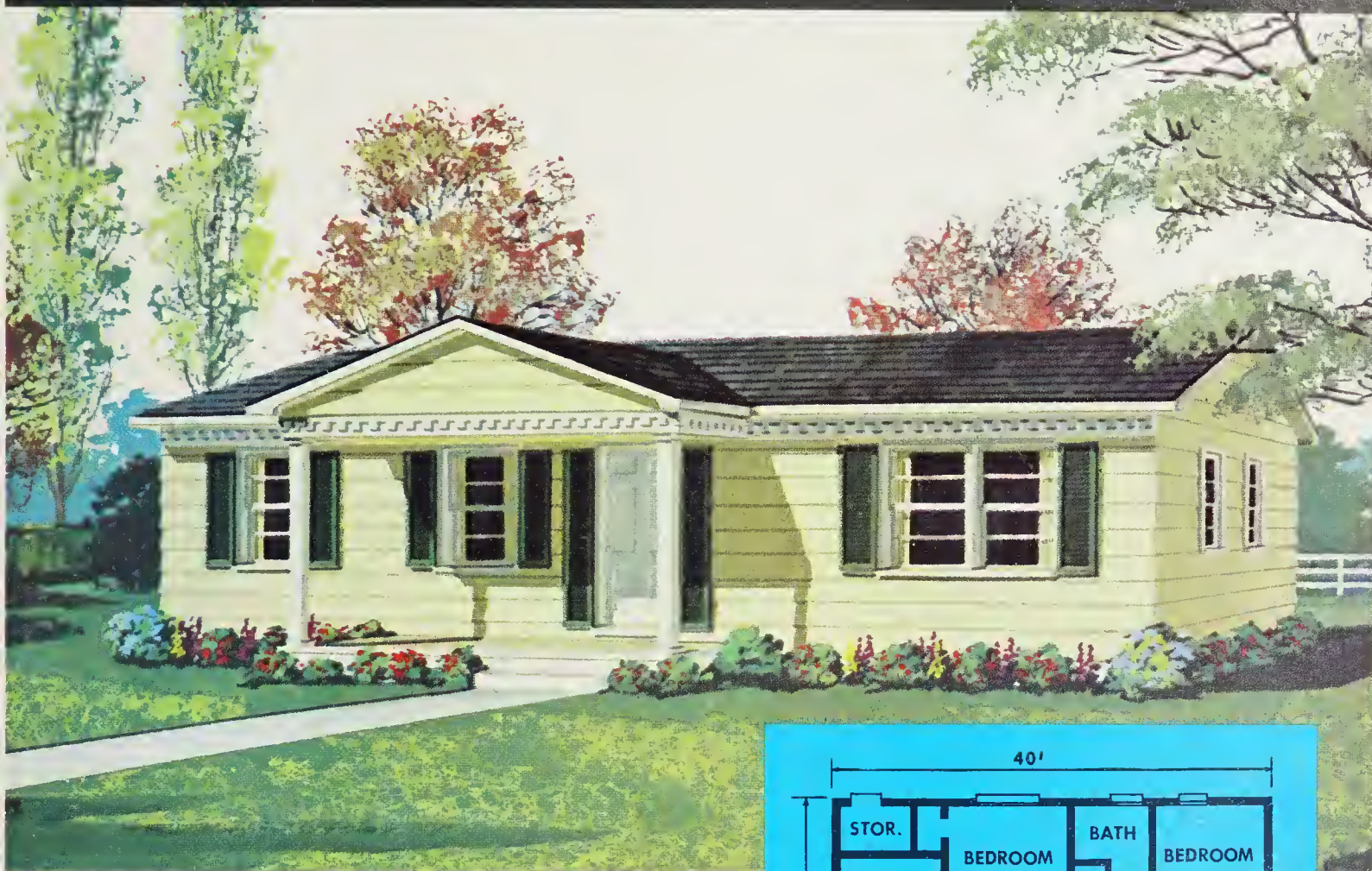
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This question was submitted by Lou Cynthia Hilliard, who will be receiving \$5 from *The Carolina Farmer*. Lou is 15 years old and a sophomore at Ralph J. Bunche High School. She enjoys drawing, reading, singing, and sewing. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hilliard, are served by Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation.

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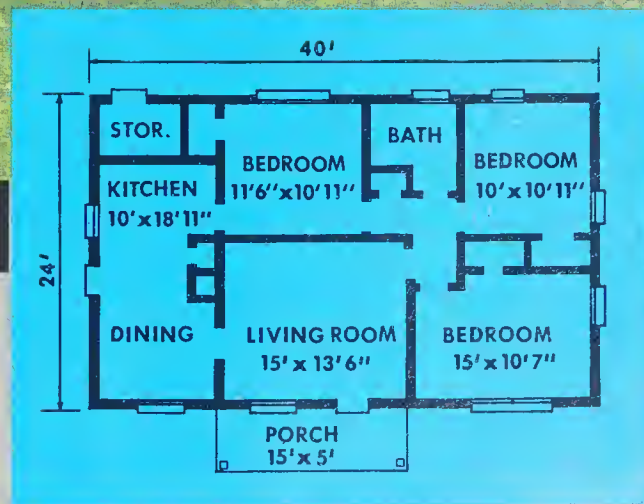
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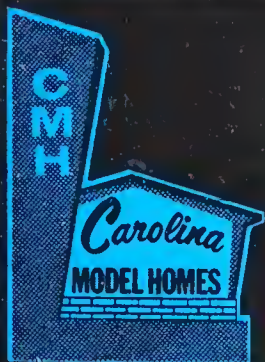
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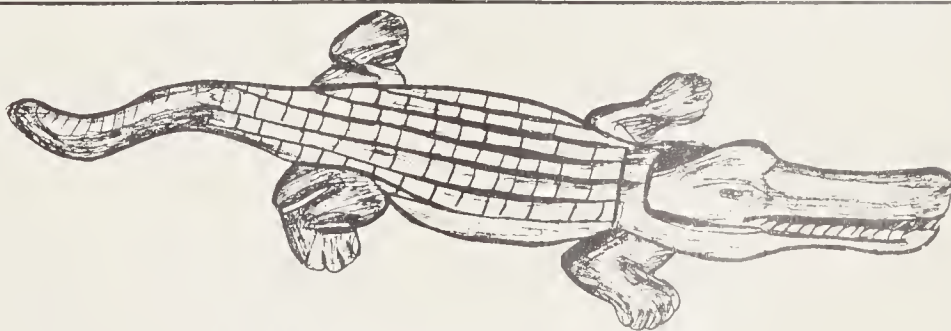
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Agreed

The touring family were arguing for the admission of the family dog to the camping area.

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"But he's one of the family," the group howled in chorus.

“Don’t tempt me to agree with you!” retorted the manager.

A Lot To Learn

The young wife on her first fishing trip was working busily over her line. Finally her husband asked her what she was doing.

"I'm changing corks, dear," she replied sweetly. "This one keeps sinking."



"I'm fed up with turkey."

On Second Thought

A Boy Scout found a wallet with considerable money in it. The owner's address was shown in the wallet, and the Scout, accompanied by his little brother, returned it.

"You're an honest lad," the owner said. "Here's a \$5 bill."

"No," said the youth. "I couldn't accept money for doing a good deed—I'm a Scout."

As the man started putting away his \$5, the youth added, "Of course my brother isn't."

Obliging Escort

The teenager out driving with his date stopped for a red light in the vicinity of a roadside stand, from which came the tantalizing aroma of fried hamburger.

"Golly!" exclaimed the young lady, hinting. "That aroma offried hamburger is simply divine!"

"Well," said the young man cheerfully, "as soon as the light changes, I'll drive closer so you can really enjoy it."

No Handyman

A couple of ladies were talking about remodeling rooms and one of them said she was having a room done over. "Is your husband doing the work himself or are you having it done professionally?" the other lady asked.

"I'm having it done," said the lady. "The last time my husband did something, I was 17 years with lumber in the living room?"

HALE!

Education

A tribe of cannibals was captured and the head of the tribe announced that he had attended college in the U.S.

"Do you mean," he was asked, "that you went to college and yet you still eat human beings?"

"Sure," replied the chief, "but now I use a knife and fork,"

Bird Watching

A wife pointed to her husband stretched out in a hammock and explained, "Fred's hobby is letting birds look at him."



"Being of sound mind, I spent it all before I went!"

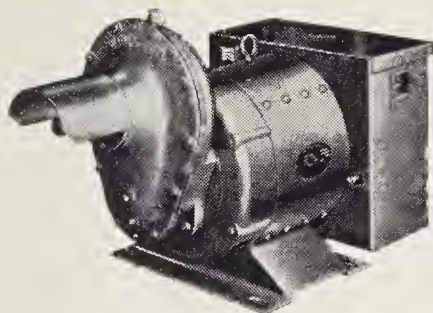


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An information-packed booklet on good home plumbing maintenance is available. Among other things it tells you how to prevent clogging, how to clear stopped drains, how to fix leaky faucets, what to do about noises in your plumbing. It also tells you what jobs should be left strictly to qualified plumbing contractors and their journeymen.

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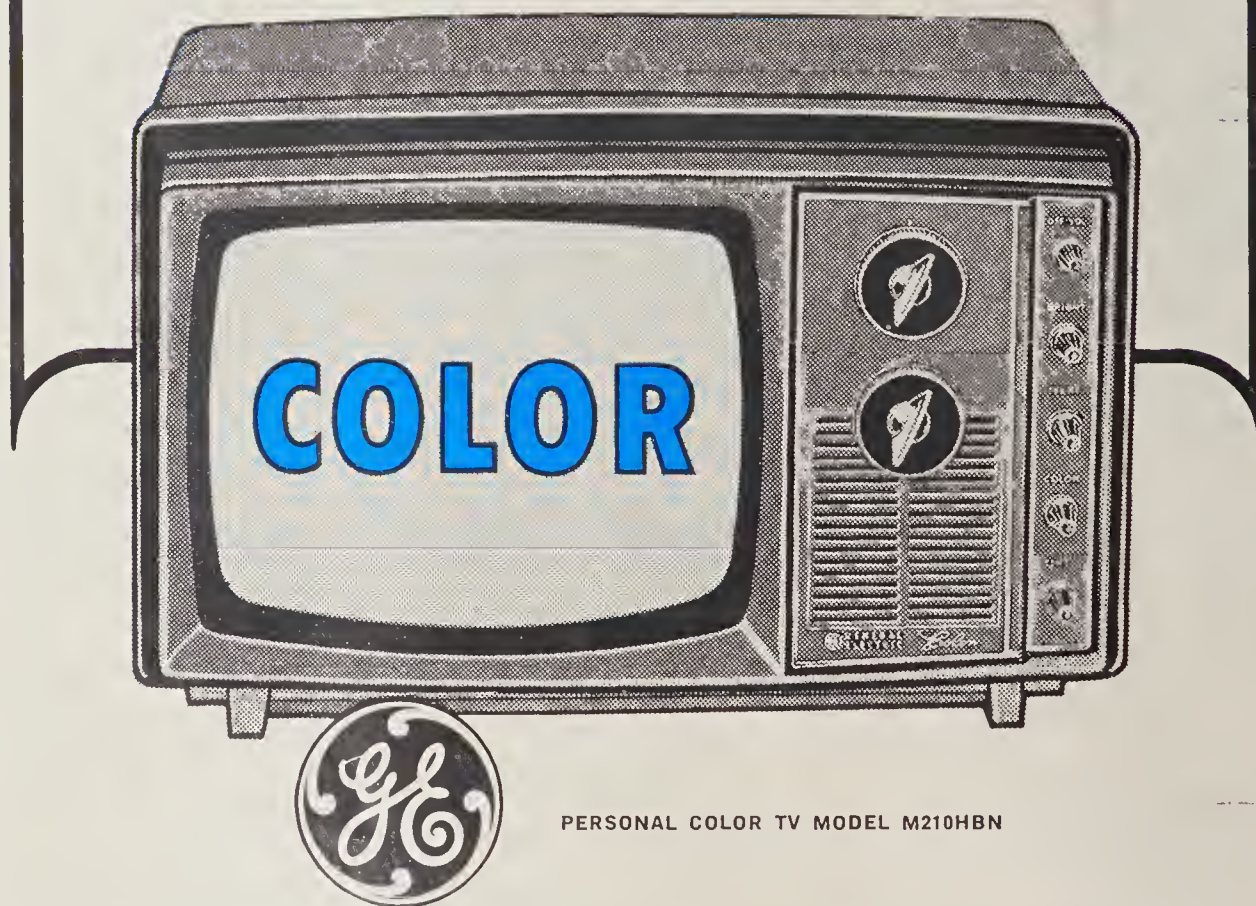
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